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MISSOURI is another State that will out the Standard Oil Company for its many sins, mentioning among them unfair combination to run out competitors. We are not for knocking all corporations but it does seem that the Standard has been unparadise sins laid up against it than any other well known concern. The worst feature is that the poor—the widow, orphan and laboring man—is where its blood money chiefly comes from. Coal oil is the light that must lighten the path of the humble for many years to come, it would seem. The rich can get better and more light from inventions and discoveries that have not the stamp of "trust" upon them. With us on the coast the gasoline proposition is becoming almost as great as that of coal oil. What we pay fifteen or sixteen cents a gallon for, we are informed costs but one and a half cents to produce and about an equal cost to put upon the market. There is a broad field for speculating as to how far this extortion restricts trade, bars progress and retards the spread of civilization influence—for if gasoline were six cents a gallon (a profit of 100 per cent) there is no telling what rapid strides transportation would make, and we know that rapid communication means the spread of civilization.

"Who lives by the sword shall die by the sword." In other words the scrapping one will suffer from his scraps. The fighting cock will die in the pit. All things come to him who waits—especially evil when courted. This is meant to apply to president as well as thug. And here is a warning to him who sits highest at the White House: "Pete," the White House bulldog with a bad reputation and a bad face, will have to stay in a dog hospital until he recovers from the severe chewing he received recently when he tackled an ugly-looking bulldog which went into the mansion grounds to take a look around. When the other dog got through with "Pete" the pet of the White House looked as if he had had an encounter with a mowing machine. His left foreleg hung limp and pieces of meat were missing here and there.

DELIVER us from intercourse with, or even the sight of, a man or woman attached to the other end of a dog-chain. It is bad enough to see a thug lead by a ferocious bull-pup, but it is worse to see a stick of a man pulled along by a fox-terrier, or a woman (so called) nursing and hitched to a poodle dog. A countless that is creating a furor in the New York smart set, landed from Europe the other day accompanied by two spaniels, their maid and the Countess' mother. The papers are being largely taken up with the wearing apparel of the pupa. We are not up on canine toggery, but the dogs have complete outfits of clothing, including sleeping gowns and shoes. For street wear they have blankets to match the costumes of the Countess.

WHILE the papers are heralding the news of "dollar wheat" we cannot see the cause for rejoicing. The farmer has none to sell, and the stock broker is gambling in millions of bushels where, if he were called on to produce it, he could not put his hands on a few thousands. It is all up in the air, a shadow without the substance. Billions of bushels more are on the stock market—on paper—than have been produced in several years in all our country. Extortion is being practiced upon buyer and consumer. Bread stuffs are high, living is made dearer, and the farmer is not a whit benefited, many of them paying for dollar wheat in their food stuffs, for wheat they did not get seventy cents for.

"THERE is more real intoxication in some books than in a bottle of wine," says Gilbert Chesterton. "And debauchery" adds an exchange. We are not so sure about these assertions, and those claiming their truth are at a loss to give proof. At the same time, it is almost as essential to keep vile literature from the young as it is to keep them from liquor. Habits contracted in youth, of either immorality or intemperance, are hard to eradicate. So lie on the one who believes the young man should be allowed to sow his wild oats. "Whatsoever ye sow, that shall ye also reap."

FISH AND OYSTER NOTES

Fish in Petersburg are sold at auction to the highest bidder.

15,000 cases of herring roe (a grade of caviar) were packed this spring on the Potomac. It is a growing industry. Most of it was shipped to Richmond.

A little fifteen-foot whale, weighing about a ton, got in shallow water at Virginia Beach last week and was hauled ashore by some young men who lassoed its tail. Sunday, many people went down from Norfolk to see the youthful navigator which had gotten stranded. Those who found the whale charged ten cents to see it. The owners have embalmed the big fish and have filed an application for a concession at the Jamestown Exposition by which they may place it on exhibition on the War Path.

Several friends accompanying the editor of this paper had a few days' sport last week mountain trout fishing in the wilds of Rockingham county. The best catch in one day was 202, about fifty to the man. Some mountaineers had previously caught as high as eighty apiece a day. During the past five years the mountain streams of Virginia and West Virginia have become infested with bass and trout fishers, so that the stock has greatly depleted in numbers as well as in size. Time was when the streams about Rawley Springs would produce a hundred a day of ten inch trout to the man, but it is not so now, and that section is about the best trout ground left in Virginia.

The conditions are such as to the crab industry in our State that our Board of Fisheries will recommend some remedial legislation. In order to be fully informed on the subject our chairman, W. McDonald Lee, in the police boat "Accomac," made a tour along Tangier Sound, landing at Crisfield to make an investigation of the problem from the Maryland view point. The crab business opened properly on May 15th. The prospects for a good catch seem sure. They run the hard crabs all winter, but now the soft shells are coming in. Mr. Lee paid his respects to the Maryland Shell Fish Commission, which was created by the recent legislature. The Committee was there surveying, putting down buoys and plotting the oyster grounds. There were various opinions expressed as to crab dredging as Mr. Lee interviewed the prominent packers. The problem will be studied by the State Board of Fisheries and reasonable recommendations will be made to the next legislature.—The Oysterman.

NEWS ITEMS.

Half of northern Nebraska and parts of Kansas were covered with snow the middle of May.

Thirty Admirals boarded a Pullman at Old Point for Washington, the largest number ever domiciled together at one time.

We are asking \$6.50 for anthracite coal, \$5 for splint coal; and we will not quote prices for wood at this time," is what a Richmond coal and wood man said when asked regarding "summer prices" for fuel.

Lawyer Abe Hummel, of divorce fame, and who testified against Thaw, must wear prison stripes and labor hard for one year, notwithstanding his millions. The Supreme Court affirmed the sentence of the lower Court. Perjury in securing divorce papers was the charge.

The war department will award within a few days the contract for 20,000 white marble head stones to mark the graves of Confederate soldiers and sailors who died in Federal prisons and military hospitals in the north during the civil war, and who were buried near the place of their confinement.

At Harrisburg, Illinois, (we spell the State out), Horace Gray a negro, was fined \$1,000 and costs for pushing a white woman off the sidewalk and otherwise disturbing the peace, which came near causing a race riot and lynching Sunday night. George Roach, another negro, was fined \$35 and costs on the same charge.

By a vote of 5 to 3 the State Board of Education, after a spirited controversy Tuesday night elected Mr. Edmund Pendleton, of Richmond, to succeed Hon. Charles V. Meredith as a member of the State Library Board, and this result clearly foreshadows the passing of Librarian John P. Kennedy at the first meeting of the newly constituted body, early in July.

A majority of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs that has been conducting the Brownsville examination have declared that the evidence sustains the President in his action and conclusively establishes the fact that the town was shot up by the negro soldiers. Senator Foraker, however, does not take this view, but wants the investigation continued, and insists that the committee go in person to the scene of the shooting.

POLITICAL.

Hon. George Mason, of Colonial Beach, will speak at Heathsville Monday, June 10th (courtesy), in the interest of his candidacy for the House of Delegates. Says the N. N. News: "No voter has the right to complain, now that the 5th of May has passed, because he has disfranchised himself by not paying his poll tax. Voting is a privilege, not a right. That the ignorant, or the vicious, or even the indifferent, should have the same right to participate in affairs of State or voice a wish in matters political along with those who keep a keen eye on public affairs is unreasonable and unjust."

Pursuant to a joint resolution of the Democratic Committees of Lancaster and Richmond counties, notice is hereby given that a primary election will be held in said counties on Saturday, July 27th, 1907, between sunrise and sunset of that day, for the purpose of nominating a Democratic candidate for the House of Delegates from said counties. All Democrats who desire to become candidates for said nomination are hereby required to give notice thereof, in writing, to each the undersigned county chairman at least thirty days before the date fixed for said primary election.

R. O. NORRIS, JR.,
Chr. Dem. Co. Com., Lancaster County.
J. W. CHINN, JR.,
Chr. Dem. Co. Com., Richmond County.

N. N. MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

In Session May 23rd—Banquet in Evening.

A very enthusiastic medical meeting was held at the Hague Thursday of last week. It was considered by most of those present to be the best session ever held of the Northern Neck Medical Association and not one in attendance failed to derive considerable benefit from the papers that were read, the discussions which followed and cases of interest that were reported.

Papers were prepared and read by Drs. Walker, Lyell and Chinn on diseases of special importance to the medical profession, which were freely discussed by other members of the profession in attendance.

The Association was honored with the presence of Dr. Bessey, of Toledo, O., who added considerable to the interest of the meeting.

Eulogies of Drs. Fairfax and Eubank were delivered by Drs. Walker and Peirce respectively.

Election of officers took place early in the day when Dr. Tankard, who had been president since the organization of the Association, retired. The following officers were elected: Dr. Walker, president; Dr. Fisher, 1st vice-president; Dr. Newbill, 2nd vice-president; Dr. Cockrell, 3rd vice-president; Dr. Lyell, secretary; Dr. Chinn, treasurer; Dr. Harrison, librarian.

Irvington was selected as place for next meeting, which will take place Thursday, December 5, 1907.

The Association was invited by Dr. Chinn acting for the local physicians to a banquet where those in attendance found all that the season could afford served in up-to-date style and with Dr. Walker as toastmaster heard appropriate and eloquent responses to toasts as follows: "Westmoreland," C. C. Baker; "Inter-relationship of the physician and the public," Dr. Bessey; "Woman," W. T. Mayo.

JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION NOTES.

A writer in the Northern Neck News says that ladies from Washington in quest of a midget found her near Kinsale. It proved to be Gertrude Thompson, 8 years old, part Indian and part negro, about two feet tall and weighing fifteen pounds. She will be on exhibition at Jamestown.

Negroes of Kings Creek, Md., are terror-stricken, claiming the devil paid them a flying visit one night recently. An airship on its way to the Jamestown Exposition caused the uproar. When the airship was first sighted, some distance away, all eyes were turned upward in astonishment. As the machine drew near and the mechanism of the ship, which was making considerable noise, could be heard, the population went wild. The machine was flying low, just clearing the huts, trees and telegraph poles, and the conversation of its occupants was plainly audible to the few who had sufficient courage to stand their ground or were too frightened to run. The machine was adorned with two large red lights and made a spectacular appearance. Negroes took refuge in hay-stacks, woods, cornhouses, under beds and in attics, positive that the monstrous affair was nothing less than the devil. The next day they held long religious meetings. Peeper and crag gamblers have been eliminated and Kings Creek is now the most orderly town on the Eastern Shore. The machine arrived safely at the Exposition grounds, and Saturday gave flying exhibitions, going as far as Newport News and returning.

PROGRAM FOR TIDEWATER JUBILEE DAY.

Cannon salute, 10 a. m.
School children's parade and music, 10 a. m.
Music on parade stand and children's choir of 2,500 voices, 11 to 12:30 p. m.
Baseball game, 3 p. m.
Drill of West Point cadets, 4 p. m.
Military parade, 4:30 p. m.
Address, 5:45 p. m.
Niagara Falls fire and other special fire works, 8:30 p. m.
Masked skating carnival and Colonial ball, 9:30 p. m.
June 7th has been selected as "Tide-water Jubilee day." Tidewater Virginia is expected to turn out in full force.

There will be plenty of music both on the grounds and at the Auditorium. The Layton Fire Works Company will excel their noted fire works reproduction of the destruction of "Mt. Pelee," and give a magnificent exhibition of Niagara Falls in fire, probably the finest display of fire works ever produced in this country.

An excursion steamer will be run from Tappahannock and all wharves below on the 6th.

KETCH-AWLS FROM EVERYWHERE.

W. McDonald Lee, editor of the Irvington Citizen and chairman of the State Board of Fisheries, will leave for his home this morning. During his stay in the county he has been the guest of his friend, Senator George B. Keezell, of Keezelltown.—Harrisonburg Times.

Congressman Jones returned to Washington today. On Saturday of next week he will sail from Newport News for Havana. This will be his second trip Mr. Jones has taken to Cuba since the adjournment of Congress. His health was so much benefited by the first trip that his physicians have urged him to repeat it. He will take his family with him this time.—N. N. News.

THE GREAT REUNION.

Yesterday saw the opening at Richmond, the Capitol of the Confederacy, of the greatest reunion of Confederate survivors the South has ever seen or probably will ever see again. Every State south of Mason and Dixon's line is represented there, and Gen. Stephen D. Lee, the ranking Lieutenant-General now living, is "in the saddle."

An appeal to all Southerners briefly to stop business and all moving wheels at 2 p. m. June 3, the moment of the unveiling of the Jefferson Davis statue at the Richmond reunion, has been issued by General Lee, commanding the veterans.

The three steamers of the State Oyster Navy on Wednesday carried the veterans from the least accessible counties to Richmond—The Commodore Maury, taking some from Lancaster, Northumberland, Richmond, Essex and Accomac, the "Rappahannock" those from Westmoreland and the "Accomac" those from Mathews and vicinity.

RELIGIOUS NOTES.

Quarterly Meeting was held at Bethel M. E. Church Saturday and preaching there by Elder Reed Sunday.

Children's Day exercises at Wesley Chapel Sunday night were well attended and program rendered interesting.

The new Baptist church at Fairport will be dedicated next Sunday. Rev. Dr. J. W. Porter, of Newport News, will preach the dedicatory sermon.

June is the month set apart for a special collection in all the Sunday schools of the Virginia Conference, the money so contributed to be applied to the Methodist Orphanage.

Rev. E. F. Garner preached to an appreciative audience yesterday (Thursday) afternoon at Irvington Methodist church. The occasion was memorial day of Washington Camp, P. O. S. of A., of Weems.

Children's Day exercises at White Stone Methodist church last Sunday were quite a success. There was a large audience, to whom the juveniles rendered a pleasing program. \$30 was the sum realized.

ECHOES OF THE GREAT CONVENTION.

The Baptist Convention of North America, composed of Baptist Conventions north and south and delegates representing the Northern Baptist National Convention, with Mexican and Canadian Baptists also in attendance, adjourned at Jamestown Exposition Thursday night last. The Convention is declared to have been a great success. Notable speeches were made by the four leading negro delegates in attendance, which received the plaudits of Southern delegates in particular. It was the first time in the history of the South that white Baptists had met with negroes, but there was not the least ill feeling, and the Convention was one of brotherly love and good fellowship. Officers were elected as follows:

President—A. H. Strong, of New York.

First Vice-President—J. Taylor Ellison, Lieutenant-Governor of Virginia.

Second Vice-President—Charles E. Hughes, Governor of New York.

Third Vice-President—A. L. Crimmon, Canada.

Recording secretary—Thomas D. Osborne, Kentucky.

Assistant Secretary—J. S. Dickerson, Illinois.

Corresponding Sec'y—S. D. Meeser, Michigan.

Treasurer—M. E. Thresher, Ohio.

One of the spectacular features of the convention was the demonstration that followed the presentation by a delegate from the conference of South Carolina to the delegate from Maine of a history of the beginning of the Baptist church in America. Kittery, Maine, was referred to as the fountain of the Baptist religion, and the book contained much of interest about the origin of the church at that place. It was accepted by Dr. A. B. Lorimer, of Bangor, as the joining link between the North and the South, and when the incident had closed President Stephens suggested that the salute be given. Every delegate and woman in the big hall arose waving their handkerchiefs and joined in singing, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." Just prior to this presentation the delegate from Canada requested the delegates to visit the Canadian Building at the close of the session and sing "God Save the King," under the Union Jack. The request met the approval of the convention. Among the most important resolutions adopted today was one endorsing the movement to erect a Baptist theological seminary in Russia and the effort to raise \$100,000 with which to do the work.

Eight hundred women visiting the Exposition, with the delegates to the Baptist convention of North America, met behind closed doors in the Auditorium, the session being the first and only one held by the women in connection with the national assembly. The body was called to order by Miss Fannie Heck, of Atlanta, president of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention, who presided throughout the day. The address of welcome was made by Mrs. George A. Schmeltz, of Hampton, Va., on behalf of the local Baptists, and by Mrs. J. A. Wheeler, of Tennessee, on behalf of the Baptist women of the South.

President Tucker, of the Exposition entertained the convention and welcomed the Baptist women to Virginia and the Exposition.

AFRO-AMERICAN NOTES.

Saturday, June 1st, is church meeting at Sharon. All members requested to attend.

Fifteenth annual session of the Virginia State Grand Council of I. O. Good Samaritans and Daughters of Samaria, of North America, will meet Wednesday and Thursday of next week, June 5th and 6th, at Mt. Vernon Baptist church, White Stone.

Children's Day exercises will be observed at Sharon Baptist church the second Sunday in June at 2:30 p. m. A nice program has been arranged.

G. W. Chewing and Isaac J. Taylor, of Tombs, were at Smithfield, Va., last week on business.

M. F. Beane and Elias Fisher were at their homes Tuesday after an absence of about seven weeks on their boat.

Mrs. Christiana Smith, of White Stone, was at Lillian last week looking after the order of Good Samaritans at that place.

All-day services will be held at Calvary Baptist church Sunday, the occasion being trial sermons of J. C. Nickens and Zachariah Beane, two young aspirants to the ministry.

Jesse Parks, Geo. Yerby and Lollie Beal lost about 75 cords of wood by fire Thursday of last week. While burning brush near Christ church the fire got away from them.

Among the sick we note, Mrs. Jos. Carter, at Irvington, and Lloyd Taylor, at Tombs.

Miss Clara Parker, who has been with her cousin, Mrs. Julia Brooks, at Avalon, is now living in Irvington.

Jos. Yerby, of Heathsville, recently visited his sister, Mrs. Chas. Fisher.

Grant Marden, hostler at the Irvington Beach, was in Baltimore recently. Mrs. Jesse A. Coleman, and daughter, Miss Nannie, of Tombs, spent some time last week with the former's sister, Mrs. Josephine Conway, near White Stone.

R. H. H.

DISTRICT MISSIONARY MEETING.

The District meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Rappahannock District, will be held in Bethany church, Reedville, June 11th, 12th and 13th.

Tuesday, 8 p. m.—Welcome, Rev. E. E. Harrell and Mrs. J. W. McAloney; Response, Mrs. W. B. Allen; Sermon, Rev. W. J. Williams.

Wednesday, 3 p. m.—Address on Literature, Rev. H. H. Smith, 8 p. m., Annual Missionary Address, Rev. C. O. Tuttle.

Two life members received Monday.

Prayer service each day.

The program consists of many other interesting features and the meeting is looked forward to with much pleasure and profit. The public is most cordially invited to attend upon the sessions.

(Miss) FANNIE H. ROBINSON,
District Secretary.

FARM NOTES

Peas and strawberries are being rushed to market. Prices are very good owing to the shortage in the crops.

Farmers in the lower counties of the Northern Neck have about finished planting corn and they are busy this week getting their land in order for peas, which they will begin sowing next week.

Those who have taken time to examine the orchards in the Northern Neck have been agreeably surprised at the good promise for fruit. Both pears and cherries are very scattering, but a very encouraging promise for peaches and apples.

SOME DEATHS.

Mrs. Wm. McKinley, wife of the assassinated President, and for years an invalid, died Sunday.

Ira Cross forman at Buck's brick yard, Weems, died Friday of last week. Mr. Cross moved there from the North several years ago and is survived by a widow and one brother, E. C. Cross, of Weems. Interment Saturday.

News reached here Saturday of the death of E. B. Blake, which occurred in Baltimore. Death was caused from amputation of a foot made necessary by a severe rash. Mr. Blake was widely known, having traveled this section for many years.

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